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Court Told U.S. Knew Of B-26s

BUFFALO—The U.S. Government knew as early as May, 1965, that some businessmen were setting up an agreement under which 20 twin-engine attack bombers were to be sent to Europe, a Tucson, (Ariz.) banker testified yesterday in Federal District Court.

Daniel M. Coors of the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Co., called by the United States in the trial of three men on charges of conspiring to smuggle B-26 bombers to Portugal, said that Gordon Hamilton, owner of the Tucson firm that took the airplanes out of mothballs and prepared them for flight, advised U.S. Customs of the deal shortly after its inception.

Coors's remarks came out under cross-examination by Edwin Marger, the lawyer who represents John R. Hawke, 28, one of the defendants. Hawke contends that the Central Intelligence Agency knew of the bomber plan and secretly approved it despite a promise by the U.S. Government that no weapons would be sent to Portugal for use against rebels in the Portuguese African colonies.

After a brief hearing during which the jury was sent out of the courtroom, Judge John O. Henderson reserved decision on a motion by Marger that the Government pay the cost of bringing 11 defense witnesses, including top CIO officials, to Buffalo. Marger claims that Hawke, a former Royal Air Force pilot now living in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is indigent.

Rail Fireman Dispute

Union attorney Joseph L. Rauh charged yesterday that U.S. District Judge Alexander Holtzoff was setting himself up as a "labor re-



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JUDGE HOLTZOFF ... bias charged

lations czar" in the dispute over eliminating railroad firemen's jobs.

In a brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which will hear the latest round in the 7-year-old dispute Oct. 6, Rauh said Holtzoff erred in ruling last March that the railroads could keep on eliminating firemen's jobs despite the expiration of the law on which the attrition plan was based.

Rauh accused Holtzoff of being biased against the union, the AFL-CIO Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, and said his ruling "defies rational analysis."

Some 18,000 firemen's jobs had been eliminated under a compulsory arbitration law passed in 1963. Holtzoff ruled that, even though the law had expired, to require hiring of new firemen would defeat its purpose.

Addenda

- Capt. Walter M. Schirra Jr. will command the second three-man Apollo spacecraft, the Houston Post reported.

- The Radio Television News Directors Association took "strong exception" to any legal controls on information provided news media. "Professional and responsible conduct is essentially the concern of journalists, not the court," the group said.

- Frank Rotella Jr., former head of the New Jersey chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, says he has formed a new group, the New Jersey White Crusaders, to fight against "black power and black terror."

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